

REMARKS

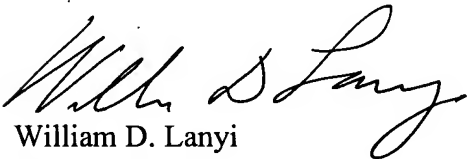
In the Official Action mailed on December 14, 2004, the Examiner has objected to claims
5 8 and 15 and has rejected claims 1 – 7, 9 – 14, and 16 – 20. The Examiner made the action final.

Applicants have amended claim 1 to contain the limitations previously contained in
claims 7 and 8. Accordingly, claims 7 and 8 have been canceled. In addition, applicants have
amended claim 10 to contain the limitations previously contained in claims 14 and 15.
Accordingly, claims 14 and 15 have been canceled.

10 In order to expedite the prosecution of the subject patent application, claims 17 – 20 have
been canceled.

In view of the changes made to the claims of the subject patent application and in further
view of the comments above, applicants respectfully request Examiner's reconsideration of the
subject patent application and expeditious allowance of claims 1 – 6, 9 – 13, and 16.

15 Respectfully Submitted,



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